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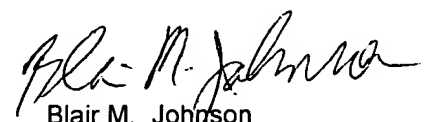
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The reply filed on 1/23/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5 and 8. However, the embodiment represented by claim 5 is not directed to the elected specie of Fig. 7. Consequently, claim 1 as amended is both not generic and nonelected. The Examiner erred in indicating that claim 8 contained allowable subject matter in the previous office action since claim 8 depended from nonelected claim 5 and should not have been acted upon. It is also noted that there is no antecedent basis for "said longitudinal center line". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blair M. Johnson whose telephone number is (571) 272-6830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:30-3:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on (571) 272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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